

# John Herrington, Astronaut

1. What might have happened if John hadn't listened to his mentors about going back to college?

*Possible Answer: John would not have become an astronaut. Note: some students might answer that he would not have gone to the Navy. This would be an incorrect answer because you can join the Navy without going to college.*

2. Find two details from the passage that support the inference that John likes doing exciting things.

*Possible Answers:*

- He loved being in the Navy and flying planes.
- He continues to do rock climbing, as well as, snow skiing, running, and cycling.
- In 2002, John became the first Native American to walk in space when his shuttle mission visited the International Space Station.

3. How do you know that helping other Native Americans become successful in science and technology is important to John? *Possible Answer: I know that helping other Native Americans is important to John because he is involved with AISES, an organization that works to increase the representation of Native Americans in STEM careers.*

5. What caused John to apply to NASA? *Possible Answer: John realized that half of the current astronauts were test pilots from the Navy just like him.*

## Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte, Doctor

1. How did watching a member of her tribe die impact Susan's life?

Possible Answer: After watching a member of her tribe die, Susan decided to become a doctor when she grew up.

2. What detail from the passage supports the statement below?

<b>Susan's father believed that girls should get an education.</b>
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Possible Answers:

- He wanted Susan to learn about her heritage as an Omaha, but he also wanted her to learn academics.
- He encouraged her to learn as much as possible.

3. What was a challenge that Susan had as a doctor?

Possible Answers:

- She was the only doctor on the reservation.
- She had 1,200 patients.
- Susan would make house calls on foot, horseback, and buggy.

4. How did Susan improve the lives of Native Americans? Possible Answers:

- She built a hospital.
- She taught them about personal hygiene.
- She taught them how to stay healthy by getting sunshine and fresh air.

# Daymond John, Entrepreneur

1. How did Daymond's childhood impact his career choice?

Possible Answer: He started selling pencils when he was a child and this inspired him to become an entrepreneur.

2. How does paragraph 3 relate with paragraph 8? Possible Answer: Both paragraphs mention dyslexia. In paragraph 3, it mentions that Daymond was diagnosed with dyslexia as an adult. In paragraph 8, it states that he is involved with organizations that fight dyslexia.

3. What detail in the passage supports the fact that Daymond's mother believed in his clothing company? Possible Answers:

- She let him set up the business in her basement.
- She took a loan out on her house to help him start the business.

4. What can you infer from the statement below?

He still worked full-time at Red Lobster and then came home and worked in his mother's basement on FUBU.
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- You can infer that Daymond was a hard worker.

# Dolores Huerta, Activist

1. What events in Dolores' life caused her to become an activist?

Possible Answers:

- Seeing her mother help farm workers at her motel
- Experiencing discrimination in high school
- Seeing that some of her students needed food and clothing

2. What was the effect of meeting Cesar Chavez? The two activists combined their organizations together to form a new and stronger organization.

3. Why would a community choose to name a school after Dolores Huerta?

Possible answers:

- They chose to name a school after Dolores Huerta because she is a positive role model.
- They chose to name a school after Dolores Huerta because she improved the lives of farm workers, immigrants, and Latinas.

4. In your opinion, which of Dolores' activities has made the biggest impact in improving life for people? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Possible Answers: In my opinion, working for the CSO made the biggest impact in improving life for people. In the text it says that this organization, "helped Latinas register to vote. It also fought against discrimination and segregation. The organization worked with lawmakers to improve living conditions in urban neighborhoods." Her work at the CSO helped entire neighborhoods.

Note: Acceptable answers would include the following activities:

- Starting the AWA or Agricultural Workers Association → Better conditions for farm workers.
- Settling the UFW grape workers contract → better pay and working conditions.
- She worked hard to get the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act passed → This act made seasonal workers who were not U.S. citizens find legal work on farms in the United States.